



California Department of Transportation

Office of Community Planning – 2001/02 Legislative Session

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUBJECT	SYNOPSIS
AB291 2/16/01	Corbett	Local Government General Plan Update	Appropriates \$10,000,000 from the General Fund to OPR to administer a state grant program to assist cities and counties update their general plans. This bill also encourages cities and counties to incorporate principles that coordinate land use, housing and transportation issues.
AB381 2/20/01	Papan	Transit Oriented Development Funding	Requires an undefined % of the Jobs-Housing Balance Improvement Account be used as incentives for housing construction within 1/4mile of an existing or planned transit station.
AB 381 5/2/01	Papan	Transit Oriented Development Funding	Excludes private developers and financial lenders from receiving transit and pedestrian oriented development grants and increases the radius of allowable development to happen within one-third mile of an existing or planned transit station.
AB411 4/26/01	Diaz	Safe Routes to School / Operation Safe Passage pilot program	Extends “ <i>Safe Routes to School</i> ” program until January 2005 and establishes the “ <i>Operation Safe Passage</i> ” pilot program to address various issues related to bicycle and pedestrian safety and traffic calming in San Jose, San Diego and Los Angeles.
AB499 1/17/02	Cogdill	Balancing Jobs with Housing	Eliminates adequate infrastructure and transit access as selection criteria for jobs-housing opportunity zones. As an alternative, it requires that zones be identified by the appropriate local land use planning authority as an area where infrastructure incentives are necessary for the area to create viable jobs.
AB611 2/22/01	Salinas	Rural Development Council	Adds transportation to the definition of ‘rural development.’
AB631 2/22/01	Oropeza	Transportation Needs Assessment	Requires the CA Transportation Commission, in conjunction with Caltrans and the state's regional transportation planning agencies, to prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature, a comprehensive statewide transportation needs assessment, containing specified information regarding unfunded transportation needs every 5 years, beginning on December 1, 2003.
AB680 2/19/02	Steinberg	Land Use	Promotes a regional approach to land use planning in the Sacramento region and decreases local governments need to constantly generate more sales tax revenue.
AB841 2/22/01	Havice	Pedestrian Safety	Establishes 17-member California Pedestrian Access and Safety Commission to review and improve pedestrian sidewalks and street crossing infrastructure. Mandates Caltrans and all cities and counties to submit Non-motorized Transportation Plans to the Commission for recommendations.
AB858 5/1/01	Wiggins	Land Use Proposals	Expressly requires an opportunity for public involvement during the preparation and amendment of general plan elements.
AB924 4/24/01	Wayne	Land Use: Smart Growth	Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to Office of Planning and Research to administer a state grant program to assist cities and counties in the development of their general plans, including consolidated general plans, consistent with smart growth principles.
AB924 5/31/01	Wayne	Land Use: Smart Growth	Encourages regional cooperation in the development of consolidated general plans consistent with rational planning principles.
AB924 7/11/00	Wayne	Land Use: Smart Growth	Encourages regional cooperation in the development of consolidated general plans.
AB928 2/23/01	Daucher	Live Near Your Work Program	Enacts the “Live Near Your Work Program” and the “Live Near Your Work Fund” to be administered by Housing and Community Development to provide grants through local jurisdictions, in cooperation with employers, to assist individuals to buy or rent housing near their work.
AB1086 2/23/01	Calderon	Residential Infill Development	Requires a lead agency to adopt a negative declaration for infill residential projects in an urbanized area of at least 100,000 people, provided the project meets certain requirements.

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AB1225 2/23/01	Cedillo	Downtown Transportation Infrastructure	Establishes the Downtown Transportation Infrastructure Account in the State Transportation Fund for grants, awarded by Caltrans, to cities and counties based on the results of a statewide competition.
AB1284 7/9/01	Lowenthal	Job Center Comm. Infill Housing Dev'mt Act	Allows local governments in areas of the state with a serious imbalance of housing supply to create "Housing Opportunity Districts" within which the local government will receive an increased share of the property tax increment that results from new housing development.
AB1514 2/23/01	Canciamilla	General Plans; Urban Growth Boundary	Requires the land use element of a general plan to include an Urban Growth Boundary, requires policies that encourage urban growth within this boundary, and requires that the boundary be consistent with the objectives of the State Comprehensive Plan. Provides state reimbursement for a portion of the planning costs for updated land use elements submitted before July 2002.
AB 2028 2/15/02	Canciamilla	Urban Growth Boundaries	Adds the requirement for a general plan land use element to include urban growth boundaries, along with a statement of the standards of population density, areas are to be identified where extension of urban services for the next 20 years will occur. Bill intention is to encourage growth within these boundaries.
AB2292 4/18/02	Dutra	General Plans: Residential Density	Prohibits cities and counties from reducing, requiring, or permitting the reduction of residential density on any parcel below the density that was used to determine compliance with the housing element of the general plan unless they make written finding supported by substantial evidence that the reduction is consistent with the adopted general plan and other provisions of law.
AB 2402 2/21/02	Pacheco	Speed Limits: City of Norco	Authorizes a city to establish a prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any highway, street, or road, other than a state highway, where the highway, street or road and the equestrian and pedestrian trails meet specified criteria.
AB 2440 2/21/02	Keeley	All American Road	Establishes that Caltrans shall maintain and operate federally designated All American Roads in California.
AB 2476 2/21/02	Pacheco	Jobs-Housing	Authorizes Department of Housing and Community Development to distribute funds for local, regional or interregional studies that address impacts to transportation systems, traffic congestion, and long commutes. Bill requires those studies to focus on developing strategies to promote jobs-to-housing balance objectives.
SB10 4/17/01	Soto	Safe Routes to School	Reauthorizes until 2005 the statewide "Safe Routes to School" bill of 1999 which directs \$20 million a year in federal traffic safety funding towards projects that make it safer for children to walk and bike to school.
SB496 2/22/01	Sher	Environmental Quality	Requires that current CEQA criteria be used to determine when a proposed project <u>shall</u> , rather than <u>should</u> , be submitted to the appropriate state agencies for review and comment.
SB600 4/16/01	Torlakson	Transit Village Design Plan	States that lack of housing and commercial development at specific densities within 1/4mile of a transit station constitutes "blight" for the purpose of establishing a redevelopment area, if the intent is to develop a transit village.
SB784 6/12/01	Torlakson	Jobs Housing Balance Improvement Program	Allows jurisdictions to use the Jobs-Housing Balance Program funds for any purpose.
SB1066 2/23/01	Poochigian	Mitigation Fees	Prohibits Caltrans, in recommending proposals for mitigation fees to a local agency, from recommending any proposals that may result in a violation of the Mitigation Fee Act.
SB1087 2/23/01	Alarcon	Environmental Impact Reports	Adds provision to CEQA justifying the use of "overriding considerations" for infill development.

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SB1262 3/12/02	Torlakson	Land Use & Transportation: Smart Growth	Provides that for a county with more than 200,000 residents, not less than 10% of the funds available for RTIP projects shall be used for county transportation incentive programs that reward local jurisdictions promoting “smart growth” development.
SB1495 4/18/02	Torlakson	Jobs-Housing Balance Improvement Program	To be eligible for a Jobs-Housing Balance Improvement Program grant, a local government is required to have a demonstrable and significant increase in the issuance of residential building permits. This bill requires, with respect to a county, the calculation for the 36-month period prior to the allocation reporting year to be adjusted for incorporations and annexations.
SB 1521 2/20/02	Kuehl	Land Use: Smart Growth Model Ordinance	Requires Office of Planning and Research to develop a state model ordinance that emphasizes “smart growth” concepts. Further, it provides incentives if a local agency adopts and implements an ordinance similar to model or exceeds model by granting priority eligibility in receiving infrastructure and economic grant rewards.
SB 1636 5/20/02	Figueroa	Congestion Management: Infill Opportunity Zones	This bill uses the smart growth premise to exempt the current LOS standards found in congestion management programs around “infill opportunity zones” (specific areas designated by a city or county as a target for residential, retail or commercial development within 1/3 mile of frequent mass transit services in counties with population over 400,000). An alternative areawide LOS standard, a multimodal composite, or personal LOS standard shall be used to evaluate the streets and highways given the increased use of alternative modes and decreased need for automobile trips.
SB1681 2/21/02	Monteith	CEQA expansion	Expand the CEQA requirements for socio-economic analysis to include consideration of project impacts on opportunities for home ownership, decent employment, transportation and security, and education factors.
SB1925 5/19/02	Sher & Polanco	Infill exemption from CEQA	Provides an exemption from CEQA for any residential project located on an infill site within an urbanized area that meets specified criteria.
ACR211 5/16/02	Nation	Walking & Biking/ Transportation Infrastructure	Encourages all cities and counties to implement the Caltrans DD64 and US DOT design guidance on integrating bicycling and walking when building their transportation infrastructure.
HR31 1/14/02	Havice	Pedestrian Safety and Access	Urges Caltrans and other entities involved in pedestrian safety to examine the feasibility of establishing a Pedestrian Safety and Access Commission for the sole purpose of examining and proposing ways to improve pedestrian access and safety.
SCA13 4/15/02	Alarcon	Special Taxes	Authorizes a local government to impose a special tax, with the approval of a majority of its voters, to fund the construction of affordable housing and projects that facilitate transportation between employment sites and affordable housing.

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